





we tremblingly trust abiding impressions were made. What their  
results will be, I cannot tell. Time only can develop. Habits  
of acceptance are so strong here that nothing but a living evidence  
can be received. Parole testimony as to Christian feeling and  
devotion, cannot be relied on for a moment. Thus far, we are  
cheered by the walk of a few from whom we hope for materials  
for a church by and by. Of these, however we may be disappointed.  
May God, who only knoweth the heart, search theirs and ours, and do  
such a work in them, as needeth no repentance. Pray for us. And  
if there are brethren who love to pray, and who can sympathize with  
my poor ones, beg them to pray for us. We need in our own souls  
the face of God that we may be living epistles, burning lights, in  
the midst of ignorance and darkness. You will be glad to learn  
that our stations are progressing slowly. Bro Kovey is now in the U.S. for  
a hike and a chapel - both important here. Beardslee has a competent  
support from his station which is the oldest and largest. This  
Station can raise about \$200 per An. besides the expenses of the Chapel,  
and if Bro Wilkison, as he has promised for this year, will give  
us \$200 per An. this station will be supplied. We think that  
\$400 per An. is the lowest sum we could live with the least  
comfort to ourselves or with much efficiency to our people. Bro  
Evarts has a station that can raise perhaps \$200. at all events \$200.  
and Bro Rector is just selecting a new field. Both need aid, much  
aid but where it is to come from I know not. Your kind offer to be  
responsible for one of the stations to the Ante of \$200 per An.  
I laid before the Association, (congregational, just formed)  
and they requested me to submit the question to you, whether, your  
benefaction & that of brethren through you, should go to one of the  
stations of these brethren, and which one? or whether it should  
be placed in the hands of the treasure of the Association.



hearts are now opened in the Mother Country to the subject, and the discussion there will doubtless react here. We hope that action in one place will thus react upon others, till the system shall be fully exposed, and abandoned. I cannot but believe, abominable as the system is, and ruinous as I regard it, that some of its advocates, are upright, pious men. They are deceived by appearances through which they have not been able to penetrate, by reason of the art and cunning of the leaders. The report round about me, is wholly given up to this system, and the influence it exerts upon the people is frightful. As an illustration of the ~~and~~ power these men have on the minds of their classes, take the following fact - A wretched creature, a notorious drunkard, & blasphemer, who has threatened me long face to tear me in pieces, was a prominent leader in a little ~~first~~ house of a native Baptist Chapel, <sup>near me</sup>. The minister, who is not much better than his leader, by some means offended him, and he moved off taking with him a couple of hundreds of the congregation, and has constituted himself a minister and his followers a Church! These wretched synagogues of Satan, are teeming in the Island, and alas! the poor people are ignorant and degraded enough to be taken in so. This is the legitimate fruit of "leadership" - So try now to show to keep a running fire upon it in America. ~~As~~ Much as John Bull laughs Venues at Brother Jonathan, and some of his owners are Kew because deceived, he thinks none of his good opinion than of that of the world besides; and smites more under his reproofs. A few weeks about our Sedition. It was followed by a series of meetings, in connection with it, from Monday eve till Sabbath. Preaching twice a day, and evening meeting in the ~~evening~~ afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meetings were well attended, house ordinarily full, and the most solemn, and



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Nov 1st - 1st opportunity. all well. Those of  
whom we hope, walking steadily in the Lord.  
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My dear brother Phelps.

I feel almost ashamed that I  
have not written you before this. Your kindness, and  
sympathy during my sojourns in Boston, have given you  
a cherished place in my memory. I esteem it no small  
blessing that my oftentimes weary & painful wanderings,  
sometimes let me to the ~~humble~~ homes, and I trust to the hearts  
of a kind few whose generous interests in my objects  
have been a source of pleasing reminiscence after they have  
been accomplished.

I had purposed to write  
you before now, but one circumstance after another has  
deterred me. especially has I been anxious to finish  
the Chapel; day and night this has occupied my  
mind since our arrival in the latter part of May.  
The Lord has prospered us, and two weeks ago the house  
was dedicated to Almighty God. My labors in the build-  
ing time, have now a little respite, and I avail myself of  
it, to write three friends who I trust will feel an interest  
in our welfare, and in that your poor flock. I have still a  
small kitchen 6 ft high and 11 by 15 ft. to put up but I shall do it  
himself. besides this, already there are indications of the ne-  
cessity of an enlargement of our humble chapel. The power  
of the Lord is still efficacious, yet I trust it is becoming less &  
less so. I send you a pamphlet by a dear friend Rev W. G.  
Bancroft of the S. Miss. Soc. He is now in England, but expects  
to return in a couple of months. Our action here, against  
Secedism, has reached England. and they have been not a little  
facilitated by the American exposure of it - Many eyes and

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